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### **COMMISSIONERS MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING & ETHICS COMMISSIONS**

**FREDERICK, MD** – The Frederick Board of County Commissioners today reappointed Bill Hopwood and appointed Anthony Bruscia to the Frederick County Planning Commission for five-year terms starting on July 1, 2013.

In addition, the board appointed Brian Duncan to fill a term on the Ethics Commission that will end on June 30, 2014. The board also appointed Gwen Romack to the Ethics Commission for a three-year term starting on July 1, 2013.

For the Planning Commission openings, the commissioners interviewed Mr. Bruscia, Sue Fox, John Greenwell, Mr. Hopwood and Ron Peppe.

For the Ethics Commission, they interviewed Mr. Duncan and Ms. Romack.

Board President Blaine Young said, “We are pleased that Mr. Hopwood and Mr. Bruscia will serve on the Planning Commission and Mr. Duncan and Ms. Romack on the Ethics Commission due to their extensive community involvement, educational background, experience and interest in issues of importance to our county. We believe that Frederick County citizens will be well served by these appointments.”

The Planning Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; third Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m., and additional meetings take place on the fourth Wednesday of each month as needed.

The commission functions as an advisory body to the board on many planning and zoning related issues such as the comprehensive plan, region plans, rezoning, text amendments, and water and sewer planning. The commission has final authority over site plans, subdivision plats, Planned Unit Development Phase II plans, and determination of adequate public facilities for new developments. For more information, visit

[www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/planning](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/planning).

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The Ethics Commission meets as needed. The commission publishes advisory opinions on the Ethics Ordinance and the Public Ethics Law and administers the application of these laws to Frederick County officials and employees, and others who are subject to the laws' provisions. The commission also decides complaints alleging violation of the Ethics Ordinance and exercises responsibility for enforcement of the lobbying provisions in the Ethics Ordinance and the Public Ethics Law.

The duties of the Ethics Commission include making determinations on alleged violations of the ordinance, granting or denying exceptions to the ordinance, giving advisory opinions on application of the ordinance, and recommending ordinance changes to the Board of County Commissioners. For more information, visit [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/ethics](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/ethics).

Today's interviews were videotaped and will be broadcast on FCG TV, channel 19, and webcast on [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/video](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/video).

For further information about appointments to boards and commissions, contact Administrative Officer Joyce Grossnickle of the Office of the County Manager at 301-600-1102 or via e-mail at [fcgboards@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:fcgboards@FrederickCountyMD.gov)

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